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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 694X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated August 30, 2011 (and received by the Board on August 31, 2011), from Mr. John M. Gentry, McMinn County Mayor, on behalf of McMinn County, Tennessee (the "County") to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline (the "Extension Request") with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. Therefore, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of time to February 29, 2012¹ to continue negotiations with the County.

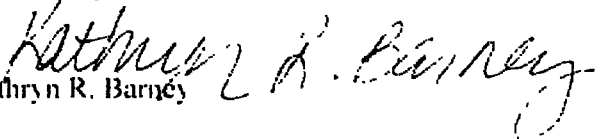
As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the NITU negotiation period until February 29, 2012, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 29, 2012, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

¹ The current NITU negotiating period expired on September 2, 2011. The County appears to have inadvertently calculated the 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline to be February 28, 2012 as opposed to February 29, 2012. Although CSXT would accept either date as the new NITU negotiating deadline, CSXT respectfully suggests setting the date to February 29, 2012 to avoid confusion in the future.

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CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: John M. Gentry